

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 17:22:11 1994
From: JosephWP@aol.com
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 1994 16:40:27 -0400
Message-Id: <9410281632344791812@aol.com>
Subject: FM-50

I recently acquired a Hammarlund FM-50 set. It appears to be an early sixties VHF-FM set, probably intended for the commercial market.

Anyone with any information about this radio.

Joseph Pinner +
Lafayette, LA
KC5IJD

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 19:40:16 1994
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 1994 17:03:19 -0400
From: Nick England <nick@cs.unc.edu>
Message-Id: <199410282103.RAA05965@altair.cs.unc.edu>
Subject: Heath Knobs

The smooth green heathkits (Marauder, Cheyenne, Apache, Warrior, Mohawk, Comanche, Mohican, Shawnee, Pawnee, Chippewa, Seneca, HX-20, HR-20, HX-30, HA-20, etc.) used metal knobs finished in either satin (matte) or chrome. So far as I can tell, the same knobs were used across this line - with the exception of the "economy" gear like the DX-60, HR-10, and HX-11 which used plastic knobs.

Note that the big main tuning knob on the Marauder was different from the ones on the Apache, Mohawk, etc in that the Marauder knob had a 0-100 scale on the rim.

Perhaps Chuck knows more and about when the switch from chrome to satin took place.

p.s. Glad to see boatanchors back on the air - I kinda missed you folks.
Nick KD4CPL
nick@cs.unc.edu

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 23:47:32 1994
From: mirage!pamars@uhura.neoucom.EDU (P.A.Marshall)
Message-Id: <9410282300.AA00162@mirage>
Subject: Looking for...
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 94 19:00:22 EDT

I need some help with a radio problem. I am trying to provide SW

reception for someone who has become blind late in life. Contact with the world is very limited to this individual and TV just does not fill this need. I tried setting up a digital tuned receiver with 16 presets, this worked at first, but soon the presets were lost, more than once, due to various causes. I have been looking for a set that can be fixed tuned to one or more freq. and will hold this setting despite power failures, twiddling of knobs, etc. Something like the Hallicrafters S-51, but able to tune the 49m band, the 31m would be nice also. I know that hollow-state sets like this were produced in the 30's and else when, but have yet to one run down. Any ideas? This does not have to be hollow-state, the intended user could care less, but I have no clue at all about a solid state unit that has what it takes. Any pointers to what to look for, were to look for it, or even a totally different idea will be most welcome.

Al Marshall "Real Radios Glow in the Dark" almarshall@acm.org

As nightfall does not come at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there is a twilight when everything remains seemingly unchanged. And it is in such twilight that we all must be most aware of change in the air--however slight--lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness.

Justice William O. Douglas

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 20:46:13 1994
Message-Id: <MAILQUEUE-101.941028180802.256@vilas.uwex.edu>
From: "Terry O'Laughlin" <OLAUGHLIN@vilas.uwex.edu>
Date: 28 Oct 94 18:08:02 CDT
Subject: military equip list

A number of people have volunteered to help assemble an alphanumeric index to military radio equipment. This will grow to be a large project by the cumulative effort of many hands.

I hope to avoid duplication of effort. The easiest way to do this would be to post the list on a listserver on a regular basis. That way anyone who thinks they have a new entry can easily check a current copy of the list.

There are volunteers on boatanchors and vintage solid-state. I would like to post it to boatanchors because the general participation level is higher. If input is high, I'd like to post it weekly.

What are your opinions? Can I monopolize some bandwidth?

Here's my volunteer guide:

To keep this thing manageable, I'd like to limit it to radio related stuff, i.e. receivers, transceivers, transmitters, amplifiers and accessories (like converters, antennas, pan-adapters, couplers, filters...). Test equipment and other electronics may emerge later.

E-mail is plain ascii text. You can type entries with any word processor program that can export plain ascii text. I use either Wordperfect or the DOS text editor that comes with v5.0 and later.

I'd like entries to be as complete as possible, BUT every little bit helps. I'd like to keep the elements of the descriptions in somewhat similar order. If you can oblige, fine. If that's too much trouble, just type away and I'll try to keep up with the editing.

I would like to start with this format:

<col 1-13 --> <col 17 ----- maximum 70 col>

Designation	Description
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for receivers:

mil model no.	type, coverage, tuning/dial type, modes, bandwidths, tube types: hybrid, or solid-state, additional features, size, weight, manufacturer, power requirements (if normal, 115VAC, 60Hz, then leave blank), production years
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examples:

AN/FRR-59A	Receiver, 2-32 mHz, four bands, mechanical digital dial, USB/LSB/ISB/AM/CW, 7&9 pin tubes, triple-conversion: 1625-1725/220/80 kHz, 25-1/4h X 22"w X 24"d, 300 lbs, National Radio
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R-390A	Receiver, 0.5-30 mHz, thirty 1 mHz bands, mechanical digital dial, PTO, AM/CW, bandwidths: 0.1/1/2/4/8/16 kHz (0.1&1 xtal, others mech), 7&9 pin tubes, dual audio chains, 100 ohm balanced ant in w/twinax or unbalanced w/"C" connector, rack mount 10-1/2" high,
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95 lbs, production:

contract	year	manufacturer	quantity
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14214-PH-51	1955	Collins Radio	300-400
63-PH-54	1955	Motorola	10,000
375-PH-54	1955	Collins Radio	10,000
08719-PH-55	1956	Collins Radio	10,000
14-PH-56	1956	Motorola	10,000
14385-PH-58	1958	Motorola	10,000
42428-PC-58	1959	Stewart-Warner	10,000
20139-PC-60-A1-51	1960	Stewart-Warner	10,000
23137-PC-60	1960	Electronic Asst. Corp.	10,000
21852-PC-61	1961	Capehart Corp.	10,000
35064-PC-62	1962	Amelco	10,000
37856-PC-63	1963	Teledyne/Imperial	10,000
DA-36-039-SC-81547	1963	Stewart-Warner	10,000
FR-11-022-C-4-26418(E)	1966	Comm. Systems	10,000
FR-36-039-N-6-00189(E)	1967	Electronic Asst. Corp.	10,000

R-1308 Receiver/freq. selective voltmeter, 0.3-800 kHz, six bands, analog dial, AM/FM/USB/LSB/CW, bandwidths: 1/2/4/8 kHz, 7&9 pin/nuvistor tubes, rack mount 9"h, 25 lbs, Rycom (Railway Communications)

R-2174/URR Receiver/freq. selective voltmeter, 0.3-420 kHz, six bands, analog dial, AM/USB/LSB, bandwidths: 0.1/3/10 kHz, 7&9 pin tubes, rack mount 9" high, 25 lbs, Rycom (Railway Communications)

for transmitters,
transceivers &
amplifiers:

mil model no. type, coverage, power/modes, bands, tuning/dial type, notable tubes/solid-state, additional features, size, weight, power requirements (if normal 115VAC, 60Hz, >10 amps, then leave blank), production years

examples:

AM-6155/GRT-22 Linear power amp, 225-400 mHz, 50w (very conservative) 10w in, Eimac X165Z final, extensive metering, can be converted to 116-150 mHz, rack mount 7" high, 80 lbs, ITT (model 3212)

RT-671	Transceiver, 2-11.999 MHz, 20/100w PEP, USB, digital /1 kHz steps, solid-state except: 5907, 7761, 7905 & PL-177WA final, 7"h X 21-1/4"w X 13-1/2"d, 45 lbs, 24VDC 20amps or 115VAC 400Hz, Collins Radio
T-195/GRC-19	Transmitter, 1.5-20 MHz, 80-100 w plate mod AM/CW, 4 bands, PT0, autotune, antenna coupler, 4X150D final 2-4X150D mod, 11-1/2h X 22w X 14-1/4d, 135 lbs, 28VDC 42amps, Collins Radio
T-368/URT	Transmitter, 1.5-20 MHz, 450w CW, 400w plate mod AM, 4 bands, PT0, 4-400 final, 4-125 mod, 41-1/2"h X 32"w X 31"d, 650 lbs, 115VAC single-phase 2200w (AM)

other equipment:

mil model no. Information as appropriate

examples:

CU-1638/GR	Antenna coupler, 6 receiver distribution amp, 2-30 MHz, 3 dB gain, 7 dB max noise figure, 50 ohm in & out, "N" connectors, rack mount 3-1/2" high, 15 lbs
CV-116/URR	FSK converter, receive only, 450-510 kHz IF, rack mount 8-3/4", 80 lbs
CV-1892/TSC-26	SSB converter, USB/LSB, 455 kHz IF, nuvistors, audio, carrier & sub-carrier meters, AFC, rack mount 5-1/4", 29 lbs

I have broken the list into units for clarity. I will assemble the list in alphanumeric order (that's why each description should start receiver, transmitter...).

Please keep entries within the 70 column maximum. My e-mail program will screw up longer text beyond the power of easy Wordperfect recovery.

Each time I receive a submission from you, I will forward a current copy, with your additions included. If you don't submit entries for a while, be sure to request a copy before you start typing. I'd like to keep duplicate keystrokes to a minimum.

It will take some time to build a decent list. With the work spread out among many hands, it will develop quicker and in greater depth. Thanks.

73s Terry O' WB9GVB

olaughlin@vilas.uwex.edu

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 23:29:43 1994
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 1994 19:07:00 -0700 (PDT)
From: M G Laubach <matt@efn.org>
Subject: Re: military equip list
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.90.941028185242.15482A-1000000@efn.org>

Too bad you're not taking military test equipment, because I would like to list a couple of classic beauty boatanchor frequency meters:

FR-6/u & FR-5/au

The FR-6/U is a 100-500 MHz frequency meter that uses a 4MHz oscillator in a crystal oven. It has a course setting that allows you to get a rough estimate of your unknown frequency by zerobeating to it. Then you can use the fine setting to get the exact frequency, which is calculated by reading a bunch of numbers off of the tape roll, and looking them up in the supplied chart. It weighs about 75 lbs and is very innacurate; but it has a lot of neat tubes and parts in it. You also don't want to put the headset over your ears as you zero beat it, because it's way too loud.

The FR-5/au is the 10-100MHz version of the same thing. Got them free after a hamfest, so the price was right.

matt
n0gth

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 18:49:51 1994
Date: 28 Oct 94 16:34:49 EDT
From: don merz <71333.144@compuserve.com>
Subject: More...
Message-Id: <941028203448_71333.144_DHQ34-1@CompuServe.COM>

For Sale

CONTACT: Don Merz, N3RHT: 47 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
412-234-8819.

LATEST ADDITIONS

These items are the latest additions to a lengthy list that is posted on CompuServe in HAMNET LIBRARY 10 under the file name RADIOS.TXT.

Heathkit Mohican Receiver. General coverage HF radio from the early 60's. Looks and works like it just came out of the box. Near-mint-plus in every respect. Works perfectly. If you already have one in your collection, I bet this one is in better shape. If you don't have one then this radio is for you. No manual, unfortunately. \$119

Hallicrafters SX-15 receiver with matching speaker. Beautiful 1937-vintage general coverage receiver. Paint is all original and excellent. Speaker has original grill cloth (with a few small holes). The bad new: Small toggle switch added to front panel for noise limiter mod. Still a rare and fine-looking radio: \$229

Hallicrafters HT-18/S-53 pair. Famous 50's novice station in very good original condition. Good original paint, no unoriginal holes. Both TX and RX are working fine. Manual photocopies. RX is missing one small knob but it would be easy to have a casting made. As a set: \$155.

HT-18 only: \$99. S-53 only: \$69

Palco mobile HF transceiver from the late-50's. Dual-6146's as finals. Probably the most rare HF mobile rig--few were made. With original AC/DC power supply. Wonderful condition--all original with very few scratches and paint chips. You don't see these advertised every day. \$299

BC-453B ARC-5 receiver. 190kc-550kc. The usual mods--audio controls on the little front access plate and 12 volt tube filaments. Other than access plate, there are no unoriginal holes. Looks great. Aluminum finish (rather than black wrinkle, meaning that it was Army, rather than Navy issue). No dynamotor. Very nice. \$29

Navy Westinghouse RBM-4 receiver. WWII vintage Navy ship-to shore radio covering 2 - 20mhz. I like this radio best of any of the Navy military sets from the war. It receives great, is stable, and looks excellent. This one is in nice shape with some light scuffs and pits in the finish. Untested. Separate power supply required (see below) \$109.

Military PRC-6 RDF loop antenna. Brand new in unopened original packaging. Mint. \$39

Military CR-B5/U crystal case for Navy MAW (successor to the MAB/DAV "para-talkies"). With all crystals. Good condition but clasp is broken. \$19

Military Gibson-Girl generator and crank handle. This is the geared section that you crank to generate power for the TX and turn the mechanical SOS code wheel (included). Works great. Does not include actual transmitter electronics. \$9

Military ARN-14/14C Manual T0-12R5-2ARN14-12. \$9 each. 2 to sell.

Ampex mic mixer console panel from the famous AM-10 studio recorder.

Model AM-10MXR. 6 inputs, 2 outputs, all at line level with Canon connectors. Each input is switchable to either or both outputs.

Master gain control. Solid state. Really nice. 19" rack mount. \$39

Fisher Radio "The Fisher Master Audio Control" model 50-C-3. Mono

preamp. Hollow state. Missing two knobs from lever switches. Original wooden case has many scratches. Untested. Nice. \$29
1960-61 Radio Amateur Callbook (U.S.). Cover poor. \$15
1971-72 Foreign Radio Amateur Callbook. Good: \$14

WANTED: Collins R-389 (VLF) manual, modules, top and bottom covers. Need

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 15:39:09 1994
From: janderson@polycom.com
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 94 11:16:25 PST
Message-Id: <9409287833.AA783368185@ccsmtpgw.polycom.com>
Subject: Need Heathkit part(s)...

(I'm posting this again in the hope that boatanchors is back on the air - I've not yet seen a copy of my original post...)

I'm in the process of repairing a Heathkit MR-1 (Commanche) receiver, and would like to find a knob that it is missing.

This knob is for the BFO control, and is about 1.25" in diameter and silver/chrome color. These knobs were used on other Heathkit gear of the same vintage, such as the Apache (TX-1) transmitter, etc.

Does anyone have one, or know of someone who does (parting out a rig, maybe?)?

I'd also like to find another S-meter for the MR-1, but I think this will be a LOT more difficult to find.

So far the repair of the radio is going well - it's in good shape cosmetically, but when I first powered it up the sensitivity was non-existent, and I couldn't improve it. Turned out the cores in the two IF resonant circuits were cracked, and wouldn't budge when I tried to adjust them. So I went down to a local surplus store, picked up two adjustable coils of about the proper inductance, wired in parallel caps to make them resonant around 3 MHz (the IF freq), and replaced the original cans with these. Although these new coils aren't in cans, they seem to work just fine.

Cheers,

- Jeff, WA6AHL

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 17:17:29 1994
Message-Id: <9410281923.AA01325@wrdis01.robins.af.mil>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 94 15:23:15 -0400

From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (Larry CONTRACTOR Keith Mr.)
Subject: Re: Need Heathkit part(s)...

In your message of 28 Oct 1994 at 1516 EDT, you write:

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> of the same vintage, such as the Apache (TX-1) transmitter, etc.
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> Does anyone have one, or know of someone who does (parting out a
> rig, maybe?)?

I have a Marauder that I am scavenging parts from.. Let me check to
see if the knobs are the same as my Apache..

73,

Larry, KQ4BY

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 22:36:27 1994
Message-Id: <MAILQUEUE-101.941028203754.448@vilas.uwex.edu>
From: "Terry O'Laughlin" <OLAUGHLIN@vilas.uwex.edu>
Date: 28 Oct 94 20:37:54 CDT
Subject: R-390 Antenna Input

Does anyone know why the R-390 series has a 125 ohm twinax input?
What type of antennas/couplers did the Signal Corps have in mind when
they established this spec. The R-220 is the only other receiver
I've ever seen with this connector/impedance combination.

73s Terry O' WB9GVB

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 16:00:19 1994
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 1994 14:49:09 -0400
From: Nick England <nick@cs.unc.edu>
Message-Id: <199410281849.0AA05215@altair.cs.unc.edu>
Subject: re-re-re-post Swap Meet

This version posted Friday PM
earlier versions posted Mon, Thurs, Fri AM to a dead band

Went to a small radio collectors' meet in Greensboro NC this Saturday. Sponsored by the VRUS (Vintage Radio Unique Society) group of broadcast radio collectors - they handed out a flyer at a recent hamfest that said they'd welcome vintage ham gear as well, but no riceboxes - I figured I'd check it out but wasn't enthralled enough to get up at 0-dark:30 and peer about with a flashlight like I usually do at hamfests - took my time and arrived about 9:30 AM.

A small meet, about 30-35 tailgaters. No dealers, no computers, no Taiwanese socket wrenches, no toys, no crafts - just radios. Kinda nice and friendly. Met a couple of "boatanchor" members too.

As you'd expect the vast majority of stuff were old broadcast rcvrs. (plus some vintage audio gear) However there were some pieces of ham gear (see below) and what seemed to me the best collection of old literature I'd seen at a hamfest lately (which ain't saying a whole lot since it seems handbooks, magazines, catalogs, etc. have dried up in the last few years).

I got a couple of tube manuals, some old Heath flyers, a 1940's handbook, 1958 Burstein Applebee catalog, and a couple of knight-kit manuals.

I saw the following ham gear -
DX-40 with wrong meter \$40
Globe Scout 65B \$40
SX-108 \$40
SX-101 cabinet \$20
S-38F \$30
NC-240D plus spkr \$100
HRO-50 \$50 (slept too late to get this one)
Conar 500 rcvr with case \$30
RME-45 rcvr \$40
Radiomarine rcvr \$40
and maybe 1-2 other things

A couple of collectors that I see at all the hamfests had the following -
HRO-60 \$400
mint 75A-4 \$600

All in all, it was worth the hour's drive and I will definitely get up early and go next year. If you have a similar "old radio" meet in your area, you might want to check it out for ham gear too.

Nick KD4CPL
nick@cs.unc.edu

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 19:05:46 1994
From: KANAMAA%AMGATE%MATRXA@randb.abbott.com

Date: Fri, 28 Oct 1994 15:54:29 -0500 (CDT)
Subject: Repost PRC90 for sale
Message-Id: <01HITD5CC0C2EKLEGT@RANDB.PPRD.Abbott.Com>

>From: Kana, Michael (D9CY)
Date: Fri, Oct 28, 1994 4:12 PM
Subject: Repost PRC90 for sale
To: boatanchors
Howdy all

This got lost during the "great silent period" that happened to the list this week:

For sale: PRC90 untested, fair condition with antenna. \$75 obo.

More stuff to follow - it depends on what I dont sell at the ham fest this weekend.

73's de AA9IL
Mike Kana

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 18:49:31 1994
From: djw@unlinfo.unl.edu (daniel wright)
Message-Id: <9410282010.AA15893@unlinfo.unl.edu>
Subject: re:The list
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 1994 15:10:45 -0500 (CDT)

Well...this is interesting! As of 20:03UTC today,Friday,October 28,1994, I have received replies from:

Jack Taylor
Don Merz
Steve Schwarm
Nick (Hallicrafters) England
Doug Snowden
Kevin Anderson
David Feldman...and

Larry Kieth..oh,yeah and my post to "boatanchors" made it back to me. All except one response indicated that they had been sending out messages and not receiving them back and/or just "reading the mail" with no mail to read! I am nowhere near expert enough on these matters to ascertain the problem(if there is one...). So maybe one of youz guys can enlighten us or fix the problem if problem there be??? It's real nice to know you all are still out there,'cause I feel a rash of "HELP ME's" 'comin on....(8->....73 de Dan

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 13:33:42 1994

Date: Fri, 28 Oct 94 11:55:21 CDT
Message-Id: <9410281655.AA22497@unlinfo2.unl.edu>
From: djw@unlinfo.unl.edu (Daniel Wright)
Subject: The list..

I hope I don't waste too much "bandwidth" with this.....

Is "boatanchors" alive and well?? I have not received any messages in a while.

I guess this is a "test" to see if the thing still works!!

de Dan -- WA0JRD/djw@unlinfo.unl.edu

From rdkeys Fri Oct 28 13:50:43 1994
From: rdkeys (R. D. Keys)
Message-Id: <9410281750.AA102931@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>
Subject: Re: The list..
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 94 13:50:40 EDT

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> I hope I don't waste too much "bandwidth" with this.....
>
> Is "boatanchors" alive and well?? I have not received any messages in a while.
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>
> de Dan -- WA0JRD/djw@unlinfo.unl.edu
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Dan....

This is the first thing I have received from BA in several days.
Maybe the bilgewater has been cleared and it will roll along, again.

Bob
NA4G

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 16:22:01 1994
Message-Id: <199410281932.PAA29922@duality.gnu.ai.mit.edu>
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 94 12:37:43 MST
From: Jack Taylor <n7oo@huachuca-emh8.army.mil>
Subject: Re: The list..

I guess we are just undergoing a 'quiet period'!
73 de Jack

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 17:46:27 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Message-Id: <9410282028.AA103375@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>
Subject: Re: The list..
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 94 16:28:37 EDT

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> I guess we are just undergoing a 'quiet period'!
> 73 de Jack
>

Man the battlestations!

Stoke up the firebottles!

Pass the Kootie keys!

Burn holes in the ether!

But KEEP THE BOATANCHORS afloat!!!!!!

73
Bob
NA4G

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 18:49:57 1994
Message-Id: <MAILQUEUE-101.941028151337.288@vilas.uwex.edu>
From: "Terry O'Laughlin" <OLAUGHLIN@vilas.uwex.edu>
Date: 28 Oct 94 15:13:37 CDT
Subject: Re: The list..

> From: Jack Taylor <n7oo@huachuca-emh8.army.mil>
> Subject: Re: The list..

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> 73 de Jack

For a while I thought we had a Sudden Internet Disturbance in progress.

73s Terry O" WB9GVB

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 19:52:15 1994
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 94 20:46:03 UTC

Message-Id: <2106@ki5sl.ampr.org>
From: ki5sl@ki5sl.ampr.org (Rick_Blank)
Subject: Re: The list..

In message <9410281655.AA22497@unlinfo2.unl.edu> Daniel Wright writes:

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> de Dan -- WA0JRD/djw@unlinfo.unl.edu
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I was wondering the same thing myself...looks like no one has had anything to say so I guess I'll drop a line or two.

Last weekend I went to the Manchaca, Texas swapfest. I didn't return home with much in the way of BA's, just a Johnson Pacemaker for \$40.00 and some vintage solid state stereo gear. The swap wasn't too bad, except for the "politically correct" ham club out of Austin with their ubiquitous handy-talkies and "ethical handicap" mentality rubbing quite a few Hams the wrong way. They feel that it is their duty to prevent you from doing anything they don't want you to do before you do it....i.e., even discuss prices before the starting time.

Manchaca used to be one of the best swapfests around and still could be if the little weenies in the Austink ham clubs would just run it and quit trying to be a bunch of pesky little bozos getting into the buyers and sellers business. In all my years of hamfesting, most of the good deals are made between hamfest "regulars". These are the same folks that set up at most of the swapfests around and I have gotten to know quite a few of them rather well. I will give someone like this a better deal than I would just a guy off the street because, chances are anyway, he'll later have something I want and at a more easily negotiable price. It is the way the game is played, I always give my buds breaks I wouldn't someone I have never met before, unless maybe they were a BA member, haha!

It is the opinion of several past regulars of Manchaca and myself, that the swap meet is slowing being driven in the ground by the same folks that would tie sand bags to a prima ballerina (read Kurt Vonnegut's "Welcome to the Monkey House") to make her no better than any other person without talent. Many of the folks who used to attend this fest and bring the BA's out of the woodwork will no longer attend just because of this mentality and instead spend their time going elsewhere.

Outside of some Heathkit gear and a couple of HQ-110's (there was an overpriced SX-28 for \$400) there was no BA gear to speak of. The Pacemaker was a pre-arranged deal between another ham and myself, so, that doesn't really count. There was one TR-4 setup and one R-4A missing the tuning knob and someone said they bought a Drake 1A, but I didn't see it, and that is about the extent of the BA's....this used to be a mecca for BAists, but sadly, is slowly losing ground....at least this time there were no sellers of off-shore junk tools and cheap toys!

I will continue to go to this swapfest, held in spring and fall, but, it will never hold the spot in my heart that it did when swapping started at 5:00 AM under flashlights and folks came from all over the state and camped out the night before in RV's and vans and brought all the good, old junk we BA'ists love....another good thing run into the ground....

Rick Blank, KI5SL
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From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 21:30:16 1994
From: k1zat@bah.com
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 1994 20:11:47 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: Re: The list..
Message-Id: <Pine.3.05.9410282045.B12736-81000000@booz.bah.com>

It's the Sunspots, they've done it again.

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On 28 Oct 1994, Terry O'Laughlin wrote:

> For a while I thought we had a Sudden Internet Disturbance in
> progress.
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> 73s Terry O" WB9GVB

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 22:02:34 1994
Date: Fri, 28 Oct 1994 21:15:07 -0400
From: Michael Crestohl <mc@shore.net>

Message-Id: <199410290115.AA07553@shore.shore.net>
Subject: The Piss 'n Moan Net returns!!!!

Hello Boatanchorites:

It would appear the popular 75 meter Sunday night "Piss and Moan Net" is about to return to the airwaves. Last Sunday, October 23rd at approximately 2300Z on 3.885, Net Control Station WA1HLR, Tim called the Piss and Moan Net to order and requested check-ins. There were approximately seven stations checking in, and the net ran for about an hour. The Piss and Moan Net was a popular 75 Meter AM diversion several years ago on Sunday evenings and it was really different from the nets we all know and used to participate in when we were Johnnie Novices way back when. The Piss and Moan Net was a total parody of these and many of us found it highly entertaining. Stations checking in were asked for an informal transmission, called "your pissing and moanings please!" and were expected to complain about something they found worthy of complaint, criticism and just plain bad mouthing!

Net Manager appears to be WA1HLR, Timothy "The Timtron" Smith of Skowhegan ME. But those of us who know Tim also know that while out of the state working, he lost his home and most of his "stuff" in May of 1992 to a disastrous fire of rather suspicious origin. Since then, he's been spending a lot of time in Syracuse NY working on contract rebuilding old broadcast transmitters. He is relegated to the "just a piss weak little mobile" status or working from the "Piss Weak Hotel". However, last Sunday he was back in Maine for a few short days installing a WHQO's new FM transmitter on his hilltop. By coincidence I had to go to a collector show in Saco ME and this means I had to go to Freeport (Wife loves L.L.Bean!) Skowtown isn't much farther and we hadn't been up to see Tim this year and we arrived right as he was doing the first Piss and Moan Net in years. It is from this vantage point I write this report, sitting in his school bus temporary home on top of Henry Nyellar Mountain in Central Maine.

Callsigns of stations checking in will be omitted for decorum, but the net was lively and animated. The "pissings and moanings" informals ranged from graduated income taxes in Massachusetts to the lack of synchronization of traffic lights to a condemnation of Senator Edward Kennedy. During the course of his monologs, Tim told the assembled net that he was hoping that other stations might take the initiative and call up the Net if no one else did; due to his work schedule we would be unable to do this indefinitely. So only time will tell whether or not this will happen, but if you're around your radio on Sunday evening this winter, tune around and see if its on. You must have a sense of humor and be forewarned here and now: Not suitable for family or newbie entertainment! Its a good show!

Enjoy!

Michael Crestohl KH6KD/W1

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 19:19:11 1994

Date: 28 Oct 94 16:36:57 EDT

From: don merz <71333.144@compuserve.com>

Subject: VLF, Korea-era

Message-Id: <941028203657_71333.144_DHQ34-2@CompuServe.COM>

FOR SALE

CONTACT: Don Merz, 47 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
412-234-8819 (weekdays, EST).

VLF CITY

Navy RBA-7 VLF receiver. 16khz - 600khz. Appears to be brand new inside. Outside has some scuffs and scrapes but no modifications. Incredibly well built with ceramic tube sockets, bus-bar wiring and ball-bearings at both ends of the tuning capacitor. Untested. \$239

WWII Navy RBL-5. 16khz - 600khz receiver made by National. Looks and works excellent. \$209

BC-453B ARC-5 receiver. 190kc-550kc. The usual mods--audio controls on the little front access plate and 12 volt tube filaments. Other than access plate, there are no unoriginal holes. Looks great. Aluminum finish (rather than black wrinkle, meaning that it was Army, rather than Navy issue). No dynamotor. Very nice. \$29

KOREAN WAR-ERA MILITARY GEAR

R-174/GRR-5 spares kits. Brand new, unopened GRR-5 spares sets. Seems to be mostly power supply parts. \$49 each.

R-174/GRR-5 receiver section only. Looks good, untested: \$69 each.

R-174/GRR-5 power supply section only. Looks good, untested: \$69 each.

Complete R-174/GRR-5 receiver/power supply sets in case. Nice shape but extra handle added to case. \$125

Military ARN-14/14C Manual T0-12R5-2ARN14-12. \$9 each. 2 to sell.

Military CR-B5/U crystal case for Navy MAW (successor to the MAB/DAV "para-talkies"). With all crystals. Good condition but clasp is broken. \$19

Military PRC-6 RDF loop antenna. Brand new in unopened original packaging. Mint. \$39

Military Korean-war vintage RT-70/AM-65 FM transciever covering 48-57mhz.

These are common surplus jeep radios and Fair Radio may still have some. BUT what Fair doesn't have, and what NOBODY has is the DOGBONE CABLE that runs between the RT-70 and AM-65. This set has that cable. Complete with original manual and handset. Add 6 meter antenna and a source of 24 volts (or buy 12v supply from Fair Radio) and get on Six. \$95

Radio Station RS-6. Issued to pilots flying over enemy lines and "spies"

operating behind the lines during the 50's and 60's cold war. This is a little 4-part rig that cables together into a slick HF set. Transmitter has fold-out telegraph key. Each unit is about the size of a small cassette recorder. All four units included. Used but very nice in non-reflecting black paint. Untested. \$355/set. If you're not familiar with this radio, send me a SASE and I'll send you a photocopy of the write-up from the AWA Old Timer's Bulletin several years ago. Two left out of four.

Radio Station RS-6 SPARES KITS. Find this anywhere else on earth--I dare you! These are the original spares kits for the spy radio RS-6. Includes new tubes and lots of small parts and extra copies of the instruction cards. The original packing box is chewed up and in terrible condition. Inside, the spares set is MINT. Ever seen one of these before? Me neither. \$175 each.

RCA AVR-104 aircraft beacon radio sets covering 200khz-415khz. Brand new in the box. Complete with manual. \$69 each. Three left.

AN/SRR-12. Hey! These don't really exist, do they? The SRR-13 is common and the SRR-11 is at least findable. But this is the only SRR-12 I've ever seen or heard of. RCA-made HF Navy radio from the 50's covering 2-8mhz (So this was the middle one from the set: The 11 covers 200 - 2000 khz and the 13 covers 1.5 to 32mhz). This one appears brand new inside. The front panel is excellent or better, though the edges are chipped where they stick out. The case is scuffed in many places too. \$265

AN/SRR-13A. One of the most unique Navy HF radios ever made, the SRR-13A covers 2-32mhz. The chassis slides out of the cabinet and tilts for easy servicing. The analog frequency display is projected onto a ground glass on the front panel--truly unusual. This one has several burnt-out tubes but is cosmetically good and original-easy fix. No mods. Manual photocopy. Impressive piece of gear. \$109

H-33 handsets. These were used on all the Korean-war era PRC equipment including the PRC-6, RT-70 and many others. These are all in good condition with U-229 connectors and either coiled or straight cords. Your choice: \$8 each.

H-33F/PT made by Audiosears. Coiled cord. 2 available.

H-33D/PT made by Shure. Straight cord.

H-33/PT made by Packard Bell. 1951 date. Straight cord.

Military mic: M-43/U University Sound dynamic. Round face on cone-shaped housing. Basically commercial mic painted green. Canon plug: \$7

M-43/U Electro Voice dynamic (EV 905). Round face on egg-shaped housing.

AT-784/PRC DF loop for PRC-25. Near-new w/canvas bag. Manual photocopy \$26

H-250/U Handset for the PRC-25 and others. \$13

AN/GRM-55A PRC-25 test set. Excellent. \$34

BC-728 whip antenna with clamp mount. \$18

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Fri Oct 28 20:30:02 1994

Date: Fri, 28 Oct 94 19:04:36 EST

From: "Roy Morgan" <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>

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Subject: WANTED: Viking and Valiant Audio Mods.

Anchorites,

The recent post by Chris, KA8WFC, prompted me to call for ALL AVAILABLE Viking and Viking Valiant audio mods.

I'll collect them and copy the set for anyone who wants it.

My Valiant is stock, but I hear of "harshness" and "60's AM sound" that might be improved. Chris and others have wanted to upgrade their Viking and Viking II's.

WANTED: Hearsay, tales, completed mods, published articles (all QST's are available here), ER articles, and all else on the topic.

So, e-mail to me or just send to:

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Free copy of the whole collection to anyone who sends me stuff!

-- Roy --

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